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PRODUCTION OF TOMATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the production of tomato this year in the country;

(b) if so, the production of tomato recorded during the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether huge production of said crop has led to sharp fall in prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/being taken to help the farmers in crisis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The production of tomato is estimated to have increased significantly over the last year. The State-wise production of tomato is placed at Annexure-1.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. The prices of tomato registered a decline for a short period due to increase in production of tomato in the country. To address the issue and to protect the farmers from distress selling of their produce, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities on the request of a State/UT Government in the event of glut in the market due to bumper crop. However, no specific proposal has been received from any of the State Government for market intervention for tomato. Besides, Ministry of Agriculture is also implementing National Horticulture Mission. The programme under horticultural development addresses the issue of the marketing, post harvest management and processing of horticultural produce. These programmes will help the farmers in getting remunerative price for their produce.

Annexure-I

State-wise Area and production of Tomato in India during 2003-04

STATE/UTs	TOMATO		
	Area (000 ha)	Production (000 MT)	Productivity (T/ha)
ANDHRA PRADESH	77.1	924.9	12.00
ASSAM	13.97	326.199	23.35
BIHAR	45.3	588.4	13.00
CHHATISHGARH	20.2	302.3	15.00
DELHI	1.7	33.6	19.49
GUJARAT	18.8	321.4	17.13
HARYANA	14.0	222.8	15.87
HIMACHAL PRADESH	9.0	246.0	27.30
JAMMU & KASHMIR	3.1	56.8	18.31
JHARKHAND	9.7	116.4	12.00
KARNATAKA	37.0	1025.0	27.71
MADHYA PRADESH	18.7	281.1	15.00
MAHARASHTRA	32.1	866.1	27.00
MANIPUR	1.1	9.7	8.80
MEGHALAYA	1.7	22.3	13.24
MIZORAM	0.2	0.5	2.31
ORISSA	100.2	1329.9	13.28
PUNJAB	7.4	179.1	24.26
RAJASTHAN	14.2	53.4	3.76
TAMIL NADU	22.2	225.4	10.15
UTTRANCHAL	2.5	26.9	10.73

UTTAR PRADESH	4.7	185.6	39.33
WEST BENGAL	47.6	748.6	15.72
ANDMAN NICOBAR	0.2	0.8	4.00
PONDICHERRY	0.1	2.7	27.00
TOTAL	502.7	8095.8	16.10

Source: National Horticulture Board Database 2004